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Second Quarterly Report by 700 MHz Waiver Recipient – Iowa Statewide Interoperable Communications System Board (ISICSB)

By FCC Waiver Order 10-79, 700 MHz waiver recipients are required to file quarterly reports advising the FCC of progress in build-out of a conditionally approved 700 MHz public safety wireless broadband system. Therefore, ISICSB reports as follows:

I. Planning

A. The ISICSB was not awarded a BTOP grant per its request. This factor has substantially set-back Iowa's planned build-out of a 700 MHz public safety broadband network. Given the loss of this financial catalyst, ISICSB's timetable will be accordingly moved back. The ISICSB will be working on issuing an RFP now towards the end of 2010 or early 2011. It is estimated that once the RFP is issued, it will take approximately 90 days for respondents to submit proposals of the required complexity for this project.

B. Other planning activities have included:

- Accumulating industry information related to the required technology,
- Meeting with FCC and PSST officials, and closely coordinating planning efforts with the PSST – Operator's Advisory Committee members who are in a like position.
- Actively participating in PSST, PSCR and related working groups,
- Coordination with the Governor's office, and legislature, which is out of session at this time,
- Coordination with neighboring states,
- Communicating with public safety officials within Iowa.

II. Funding

A. As previously advised, the ISICSB applied for BTOP grant funds to provide the much needed catalyst for a build-out of a wireless broadband public safety project under the re-opening of Round 2, June 1 – July 1, 2010. Iowa was notified within the past two weeks that it was not awarded any BTOP funds. This result



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will be discussed with the governor's office and state legislators regarding funding legislation when the legislature reconvenes in January, 2011.

B. As previously advised in its first report, the ISICSB initial funding plan was critically dependent upon the success of a BTOP grant award to start the build-out of this project. Now that the results of that grant application are known, the ISICSB and officials in Iowa will need to re-examine funding solutions. An RFP will be issued to assist in identifying the most efficient and financially practical plan in building out a wireless broadband network for Iowa.

III. Deployment

A. No RFP has been issued, nor equipment purchased to date, as these actions are dependent upon funding.

Site development, including use of existing towers

A. Approximately 94 existing sites were identified in the proposed BTOP grant project area. Given the setback due to the lack of BTOP grant funding, the proposed project area will be re-examined consistent with projected state and local funding.

B. In the proposed system build-out, there are approximately 40 new sites which may be needed. Given the setback due to the lack of BTOP grant funding, the proposed project area will be re-examined consistent with projected state and local funding. Projected deployment timelines will be better known after the above RFP is issued and the legislature reconvenes.

C. At this time, there are no presently known rights of way issues related to the sites which could pose jurisdictional issues and result in delays.

D. No additional site acquisitions or developments are planned until the above is completed.

Deployments and upgrades (commencement and completion), including site information and location

A. Projected deployment timelines will be better known after the above RFP is issued and the legislature reconvenes.

B. After consultation with the FCC, the ISICSB will not be submitting an Interoperability Showing at this time as we are not in a position for immediate build-out.



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C. The proposed network will be accessible to all public safety entities in the project area.

Applications in development or in use

A. There are no applications in development or in use at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

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